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SUBJECT: LARDINOIS SPEECH TO US SOYBEAN PROCESSORS

1. AGRICULTURE COMMISSIONER LARDINOIS' AGGRESSIVE
SPEECH ON AGRICULTURAL TRADE TO NATIONAL SOYBEANS
PROCESSORS ASSOCIATION IN MONTEREY, CALIFORNIA ON
AUGUST 24 UNDERLINED VERY REAL DANGERS INHERENT IN
GROWING FRICTION BETWEEN US AND COMMUNITY IN AGRICULTURE.
HOWEVER, BY DOWNPLAYING IMPORTANCE OF CRITICAL US TRADE
INTERESTS AND INFERRING THAT US TRADE ACTIONS AMOUNT TO
CALCULATED EFFORT TO SEVERELY LIMIT EC ACCESS TO US
AGRICULTURAL MARKETS, LARDINOIS' PARTISAN PRESENTATION
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APPEARED TO LAY FULL RESPONSIBILITY AT US DOOR FOR

WHATEVER QUOTE TENSION OR MISTRUST END QUOTE HAS ARISEN
IN OUR RELATIONS.

2. WE ASSUME THAT THIS UNBALANCED VIEW OF THE SOURCE
OF CURRENT CONFLICTS IN AGRICULTURE WAS SIMPLY AN EFFORT
TO PRESENT THE EC CASE IN THE STRONGEST POSSIBLE TERMS
TO THE US AGRICULTURAL COMMUNITY AND DOES NOT REFLECT
GENERAL COMMISSION ATTITUDES OR ANY SHIFT AWAY FROM OUR
MUTUAL SUPPORT FOR A POLICY OF CAREFULLY MANAGING OUR
TRADE RELATIONS.

3. UPON RETURN OF COMMISSION MEMBERS TO BRUSSELS,
AMBASSADOR SHOULD SEEK APPROPRIATE OPPORTUNITY TO
INFORMALLY CONVEY ABOVE POINTS. KISSINGER

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